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Identical letters dated 18 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to alert you to the barrage of rockets launched at Israel in recent days. Since 31 January 2014, eight rockets have been fired from the Gaza Strip towards the towns and cities of southern Israel. As I write this, 3.5 million Israelis live under the constant threat of these attacks.

Israel holds Hamas responsible for the escalation in violence, which threatens to further destabilize the Gaza Strip. Since Hamas took control of Gaza, the region has become a base used by terrorists to launch rockets, attempt kidnappings and attack Israeli citizens.

Instead of demonstrating a commitment to bettering the life of the Palestinian people, Hamas is demonstrating its unwavering commitment to terrorism. I call on the Council to unanimously and unequivocally condemn the violence perpetrated by the Hamas terrorist organization.

Israel has thus far shown considerable restraint, but it will not allow its citizens to be the ongoing victims of attacks and will continue to take all necessary measures to protect its population.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ron Prosor
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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**Identical letters dated 14 February 2014 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the
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President of the Security Council**

The violence and the grave and wide-ranging violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law that are occurring in the Syrian Arab Republic present a serious and growing menace to that country and the region. The Arab States are deeply concerned at the Syrian crisis, in view of the continuing deterioration of the humanitarian situation and the dire consequences that this has had for security and stability.

Accordingly, on 3 November 2013, the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level adopted a resolution in which it calls on the Group of Arab States at the United Nations to present a draft resolution to the Security Council regarding the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Inasmuch as the Security Council is currently considering a draft resolution concerning the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, the Group of Arab States affirms its support for the Council's intention to adopt a resolution in that regard and calls on the Council to shoulder its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to provide urgently all forms of humanitarian assistance to Syrian civilians and protect them against all threats to their lives, in accordance with international humanitarian law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan Hamid Hassan

Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the

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Chair of the Group of Arab States for the month of February 2014

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Letter dated 18 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of February 2014. In accordance with rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, I have the honour to request that Didier Burkhalter, President of the Swiss Confederation, in his capacity as Chair-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, be permitted to address the Council on 24 February 2014 at 10 a.m.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sylvie Lucas
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

